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Major Bakalian, a native of Stockton, California, assumed duties as Director, Aircraft Operations, DCMDI, on March 25, 1999. As Director, he is responsible for the execution of command policies, procedures, and initiatives for DCMDI's Aircraft Operations, Flight Safety, and Government Flight Representative programs, and supervises DoD and contractor flight operations located in 14 countries.

Major Bakalian began his military career by enlisting in the United States Air Force in April of 1979. After basic training and completion of the Aircraft Maintenance Technician's School at Sheppard AFB, Texas, he was assigned to the 384th Field Maintenance Squadron at McConnell AFB, Kansas. There, he earned an early promotion to Senior Airman and, in December of 1981, he was selected for an early discharge to attend the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Course at Utah State University, Utah, where he received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Geography. As a cadet, he completed the US Army's Airborne Parachute Jump School at Fort Benning, Georgia. Major Bakalian earned a regular commission as a "Distinguished Graduate" in June of 1983. He reentered active duty as a Second Lieutenant in December of 1983.

In July of 1984, Major Bakalian completed Undergraduate Navigator Training at Mather AFB, California, and was awarded the aeronautical rating of Navigator. After attending the Strategic Air Command's Combat Crew Training School at Castle AFB, California, he was assigned to the 905th Air Refueling Squadron at Grand Forks AFB, North Dakota. There, Major Bakalian performed duties as the squadron's Chief, KC-135, Instructor Navigator and was appointed as the 319th Bombardment Wing Commander's Executive Officer. He also participated in numerous air-refueling operations including GLOBAL SHIELD, QUICK FORCE, ELF-ONE, and BUSINESS EFFORT test flight missions.

After attending Squadron Officer's School at Maxwell AFB, Alabama, in May of 1989, Major Bakalian returned to Castle AFB, California, as a Strategic Air Command Combat Crew Training School, KC-135, Instructor Navigator, and was responsible for the initial qualification and training of 14 navigators and crews. During this assignment, he also performed duties as a KC-135, Standardization and Evaluations Navigator, and Supervisor of Flying. Major Bakalian also participated in BOLD SHIELD, RED FLAG, Operation DESERT SHIELD/STORM, and was a member of the Castle AFB, START Inspection Team.

In October of 1992, Major Bakalian was selected for a Special Duty Assignment with the 89th Airlift Wing at Andrews AFB, Maryland. There, Major Bakalian performed duties as Flight Commander, Communication Systems Operator Flight, 1st Airlift Squadron, and as a VC-137, Special Missions Navigator, responsible for airlifting the Vice President, members of Cabinet and Congress, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the First Lady, and other national and international dignitaries. In addition, Major Bakalian was the Flight Commander, Combat Support Flight, 89th Services Squadron, responsible for all dining facilities, sports programs, library, lodging, and other combat support activities on Andrews AFB.

Prior to Major Bakalian's assignment to DCMDI, he deployed to Howard AFB, Republic of Panama, in support of US Southern Command (USSOCOM) operations. As Airlift Director, he planned and executed primary command and control of C-27 and C-130 missions and coordinated flight logistics for Counterdrug Operations, Naval Special Warfare Units, and Joint Interagency Task Force assets in the USSOCOM.

Major Bakalian has achieved the Air Mobility Command's, 3500-Hour, Flying Safety Milestone Award, and in 1999, he was awarded the aeronautical rating of Master Navigator.